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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES OFFERS OF REVISED A-CAM SUPPORT AMOUNTS TO 217 AUTHORIZED A-CAM COMPANIES TO EXPAND RURAL BROADBAND

WC Docket No. 10-90

Consistent with the Commission's *2018 Rate-of-Return Reform Order and FNPRM*, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces 217 revised offers of Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support and the associated revised deployment obligations.¹ The accompanying report released today shows the revised state-level offers of model-based support and revised deployment obligations for each carrier that has already been authorized by the Bureau to receive A-CAM, and is therefore eligible to elect a second revised offer.² These carriers have until June 21, 2018 to notify the Bureau, on a state-by-state basis, whether they elect to receive the revised amount of model-based support.³

In the *2018 Rate-of-Return Reform Order*, the Commission directed the Bureau to offer additional support up to \$146.10 per-location to all carriers that accepted the first revised offers of model-based support.⁴ Under this second revised offer, all locations with costs above \$52.50 will be funded up to a per-location fund cap of \$146.10, and the Commission directed the Bureau to adjust deployment obligations accordingly. The Commission further directed the Bureau to release a public notice announcing the revised model-based support amounts and corresponding deployment obligations, and providing the carriers with 45 days to confirm that they are willing to accept the revised offer.⁵

Carriers should submit their election letters to the Bureau at ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov. To elect the revised support amount for a state or states, a carrier must submit a letter signed by an officer of the company confirming that the carrier elects the revised model-based support amount as specified in Report 11.0 released today and commits to satisfy the specific service obligations associated with that amount of model support. If a carrier fails to submit any final election letter by the June 21, 2018 deadline, it will be deemed to have declined the second revised offer and will continue to receive current support amounts.

¹ See *Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, and 07-135, CC Docket No. 01-92; Report and Order, Third Order on Reconsideration, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-29 (rel. Mar. 23, 2018), at paras. 62-69 (*2018 Rate-of-Return Reform Order*); 83 Fed. Reg. 18951 (May 1, 2018).

² The report is available at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-350573A1.xlsx.

³ Pursuant to Commission rules, the election will be considered timely if it is received by 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. 47 CFR §§ 0.403, 1.7.

⁴ *2018 Rate-of-Return Reform Order*, at para. 66.

⁵ *Id.* at para. 68.

and be subject to current deployment obligations. Carriers submitting election letters will receive an e-mail confirming receipt and should contact the Bureau no later than 4 p.m. on June 21, 2018 if they do not receive such confirmation. Confirmation of receipt does not constitute authorization to receive A-CAM support pursuant to the terms of the second revised offer. Carriers electing the revised offer of model-based support will not begin receiving such support until the Bureau issues a public notice authorizing the Universal Service Administrative Company to disburse the appropriate amounts.

Report 11.0 shows the revised state-level offer of model-based support for each carrier that accepted the earlier revised offer, including the amount of annual support that would be provided over the 10-year term, the total number of funded locations in census blocks that are eligible for support, the number of eligible locations that are fully funded, and the number of eligible locations that are capped. In addition, the report shows the specific number of locations where the recipient will be required to offer 25 Mbps downstream/3 Mbps upstream (25/3 Mbps), 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream (10/1 Mbps), and 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream (4/1 Mbps), as well as the number of remaining locations subject to the reasonable request standard.

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